**Men’s Risky Drinking Grants 2019 – Frequently Asked Questions**

1. **Are local sporting clubs with sponsorship relationships with local breweries or pubs ineligible?**

VicHealth recognises that many sports clubs receive support from local pubs and alcohol retailers. If your organisation currently has a funding arrangement with an alcohol producer or retailer, please fill out the Conflict of Interest section in the online application form. Each conflict of interest will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

To assess your conflict of interest we will need the following information:

* Is the funding received from an alcohol producer (i.e. brewery, winery), or a retailer?
* What is the nature of the relationship? (i.e. What is the scale and scope of the arrangement? What do you receive as part of your financial arrangement? What is the club required to do to support the investment?)

1. **When you’re designing the intervention do you address all three elements (settings, shared meanings and skills) that are outlined in the Alcohol Cultures Framework?**

Not necessarily. Some of our previous funded work has focused primarily on one element – for example a specific setting or challenging the shred meanings and norms of a group. You can focus on multiple elements or just one, though focusing on more elements will accelerate impact.

1. **Will there be an evaluation of the program?**

Evaluation of projects will be undertaken by an evaluator commissioned by VicHealth. Applicants are not required to include impact/outcome evaluation costs in their submission, however they must allow capacity for working with the evaluator and enabling evaluation activities such as data collection and access to the participants.

VicHealth will not fund organisations to employ the services of an independent project evaluator.

1. **How much should each project allow for evaluation?**

VicHealth will be commissioning an evaluation so organisations only need to budget for costs associated with enabling evaluation activities as outlined at point 3 above.

1. **How many projects will VicHealth fund?**

Until we see the applications we won’t know exactly how many will be funded. The total pool of funding is $500,000, with grants of up to $150,000 for two years available per applicant, so we hope to be able to fund between three to five grants.

1. **How long after applications close can we expect to hear back from VicHealth?**

Two weeks after the EOI closes we will aim to provide applicants with an update on the status of their application.

1. **Could primary research form part of the grant?**

No. We ask that applicants use the existing research as per the requirements of Category 1 funding, or provide their own research insights as per the requirements of Category 2.

1. **How many people should be involved in an intervention?**

It really depends on the nature of the project. We currently have nine projects as part of the Alcohol Culture Change Initiative (ACCI) and each of these projects works with social worlds of varying sizes, but each project is developing resources and creating messaging that aim to have a broader reach. It’s about making an assessment on the type of impact you want your intervention to have and how that’s best achieved.

More information about current ACCI projects is available here: <https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/programs-and-projects/alcohol-culture-change-initiative>